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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/842/Add.3)]

50/230. Progress report on the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the budgetary process as adopted in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and subsequent relevant resolutions,

Recalling its resolutions 50/214 and 50/215 of 23 December 1995,

Reaffirming also that changes in mandated programmes and activities are the prerogative of the General Assembly,

Reaffirming further regulation 5.2 of the Regulations Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, as adopted in its resolution 37/234 of 21 December 1982,

Noting that the Secretary-General, taking into account the views of the competent intergovernmental bodies, may present proposals for changes to mandated programmes and activities for consideration and approval by such bodies,

Noting also that Member States can present proposals for changes to mandated programmes and activities in the context of the relevant negotiations,

Reaffirming its decision that savings in the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 will not affect the full implementation of mandated programmes and activities,

Having considered the interim report of the Secretary-General 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

1. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit, through the Advisory Committee, a report containing proposals for achieving savings as called for in resolution 50/214 in the manner indicated in paragraph 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee, 2/ no later than 1 September 1996;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that, until the above-mentioned report is considered by the General Assembly, all mandated programmes and activities are implemented in full;

4. Notes that the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 was adopted in resolution 50/214 under unique circumstances and, as such, does not constitute a precedent;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that productivity gains will not have a negative impact on his obligations, under Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, to recruit staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible, even on a temporary basis;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General not to take any measures that do not respect the prerogatives of the General Assembly;

7. Decides to revert to this question at its fifty-first session upon receipt of the report of the Secretary-General.

120th plenary meeting
7 June 1996

1/ A/C.5/50/57.

2/ A/50/7/Add.16.